

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

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PRIMARY EXAMINER****Listing of Claims:***7/11/07*

- 1 (Previously Presented): A bipolar battery comprising:
- a plurality of bipolar electrodes;
 - each of the plurality of bipolar electrodes being provided with:
 - a current-collector;
 - a positive electrode layer formed on one side of the current-collector; and
 - a negative electrode layer formed on the other surface of the current-collector;
 - electrolyte layers formed between adjacent ones of the plurality of bipolar electrodes, respectively, so that the plurality of bipolar electrodes are stacked in a stacking direction by interposing the electrolyte layers between adjacent ones of the plurality of bipolar electrodes, respectively;
 - sealing portions surrounding and sealing the electrolyte layers, respectively; and
 - contributing members contributing to keeping gaps between the adjacent ones of the plurality of bipolar electrodes, the bipolar battery being a lithium-ion secondary battery and the contributing members being disposed within areas of the sealing portions to be discrete spacers or continuous spacers having heights in the stacking direction so as to spread between adjacent ones of the plurality of bipolar electrodes, respectively.
- 2 (Original): The bipolar battery according to claim 1, wherein the sealing portions are located to surround those peripheries of the contributing members along a direction perpendicular to the stacking direction, respectively.